

# Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund

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funding (see "Readiness to Proceed" Requirements)

4. WIFA staff will send a Project Finance Application (PFA) to the borrower for completion

5. The PFA is reviewed by WIFA staff and approved by the Board before funding can be received

### "Readiness to Proceed" Requirements

*For a project to be designated ready to proceed, a borrower must have met or will meet all of the following requirements:*

"Legal Capability" means the borrower is legally eligible to receive funding.

"Financial Capability" means the borrower's ability to repay a loan.

"Technical Capability" means the proposed project is technically appropriate for its intended purpose and can be operated and maintained for the term of financial assistance.

"Managerial & Institutional Capability" means the borrower has the capability to operate the system in compliance with state and federal law.

"Debt Authority" means a public jurisdiction has

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obtained legal approval from its constituents to enter into long-term debt (i.e. revenue bond election). Debt authorization may be obtained by election or assessment. Privately-held water systems must receive debt approval from the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC). The method of debt authorization among Indian tribes will vary.

### Tips

💧 Projects are prioritized by public health factors, condition of facilities, local fiscal capacity, prior funding and consolidation and regionalization.

💧 Applicants who are not political subdivisions and are not regulated by the Arizona Corporation Commission must form a political subdivision to serve as the financial assistance recipient and operating entity or conform to the jurisdiction of the Arizona Corporation Commission for rate setting and debt authorization. Applicants may apply for a technical assistance grant or loan through WIFA to assist in forming a political subdivision or to conform with Arizona Corporation Commission requirements.

💧 Communities may apply for a WIFA loan year-round. However, the Board must approve the project and amend the project priority list in order to receive funding.

### Schedule - 2006 Funding Cycle

<b>January 1, 2006</b>	2006 DWSRF Funding Cycle Begins
<b>December 31, 2006</b>	2006 DWSRF Funding Cycle Ends

### Schedule - 2007 Funding Cycle

<b>August / September 2006</b>	Solicitation of 2007 DWSRF PL Applications
<b>October 2006</b>	PL applications evaluated*
<b>October 2006</b>	Draft DWSRF Intended Use Plan and PL developed
<b>November 2006</b>	Public review and comment period
<b>December 2006</b>	WIFA Board of Directors approves DWSRF IUP and PPL
<b>December 31, 2006</b>	2006 DWSRF Funding Cycle Ends
<b>January 1, 2006</b>	2007 DWSRF Funding Cycle Begins

\* PL applications can be submitted year-round.





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## **Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund**

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*The 2005 Drinking Water Financial Assistance Cycle is underway. The Water Infrastructure Finance Authority (WIFA) is accepting applications for projects that involve the planning, engineering, construction, rehabilitation, modification, improvement, upgrading and/or equipping and expansion of drinking water facilities.*

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### **The Money**

The funds are provided by the Environmental Protection Agency to WIFA who appropriates the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. The amount awarded each funding cycle varies and is dependent upon a federal allocation and state federal capitalization grants for the fiscal year.

### **Uses of Funds**

Funds can be used to design, engineer, construct, rehabilitate, modify improve, upgrade and/or equip drinking water facilities.

Funds may also be used for source water protection and land acquisition.

### **The Deadline**

For the 2005 DWSRF cycle, applications may be submitted at anytime. A call for 2006 DWSRF applications will come in August or September 2005 and will be due in October. However, a 2006 application may be submitted after the deadline, but the PL will have to be amended and approved by the Board of Directors.

### **Eligibility**

Governmental entities are eligible for financial assistance including cities, towns, Tribes, counties, municipalities and districts. Additionally, privately owned water systems, co-ops system, non-profits and other water structures regulated by the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) are eligible.

Private community drinking water systems are also eligible and are defined as serving 25 or more people and having at least 15 service connections year-round.

### **How to Apply**

1. Submit an application for inclusion on the annual Priority List (PL)
2. The PL application will need to be approved by the WIFA Board and the PL needs to be amended to include the project
3. Obtain "Readiness to Proceed" status meaning that the borrower has met or will meet all of WIFA's requirements to initiate the project and receive

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### **The Application**

The 2005 DWSRF Loan Application may be downloaded from our website:

**[www.azwifa.gov](http://www.azwifa.gov)**

If you wish to have a hardcopy of the application sent to you, please call WIFA Communications Director Tiffany Troidl at (602) 364-1314 or, toll free at (877) 298-0425.

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